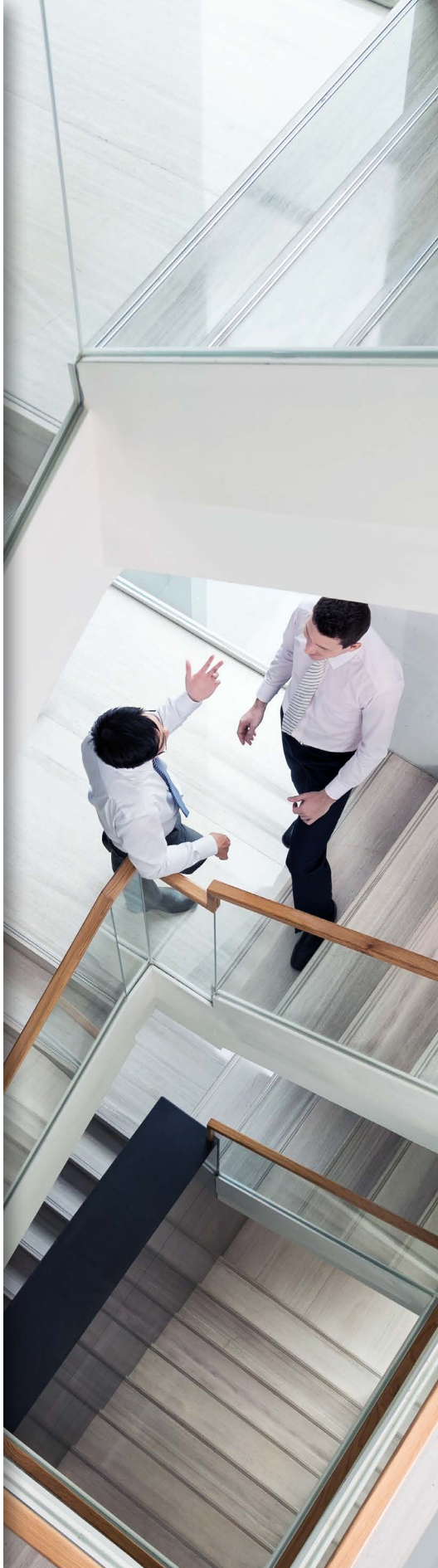


Global & Public Affairs: Career Report





IE TALENT & CAREERS

A high percentage of our students have shown significant levels of international mobility, with 50% of them working outside of their country of origin. Region-wise, 56% of graduates have secured a position abroad, with Europe (both EU and non-EU countries) being the most popular destination (70%). Nonetheless, destinations for the alumni from the class of 2018 also include North America (15%) and Latin America/the Caribbean (10%).

These graduates are following in the footsteps of other graduates who make up IE's impressive global network of over 65,000 alumni. Our alumni are based in over 100 countries around the globe, holding high-level positions in all types of industries and organizations within the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

Class of 2017-2018

4 students currently on exchanges

4 students not seeking jobs, but working on personal projects



Congratulations
to the class
of 2018! —

JULY 2018 GRADUATES

▼ TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS 34
STUDENTS FOR WHOM WE HAVE INFORMATION 94%

Situation 3 months after graduation

Students working	86%
Students not working	14%

Placement by industry

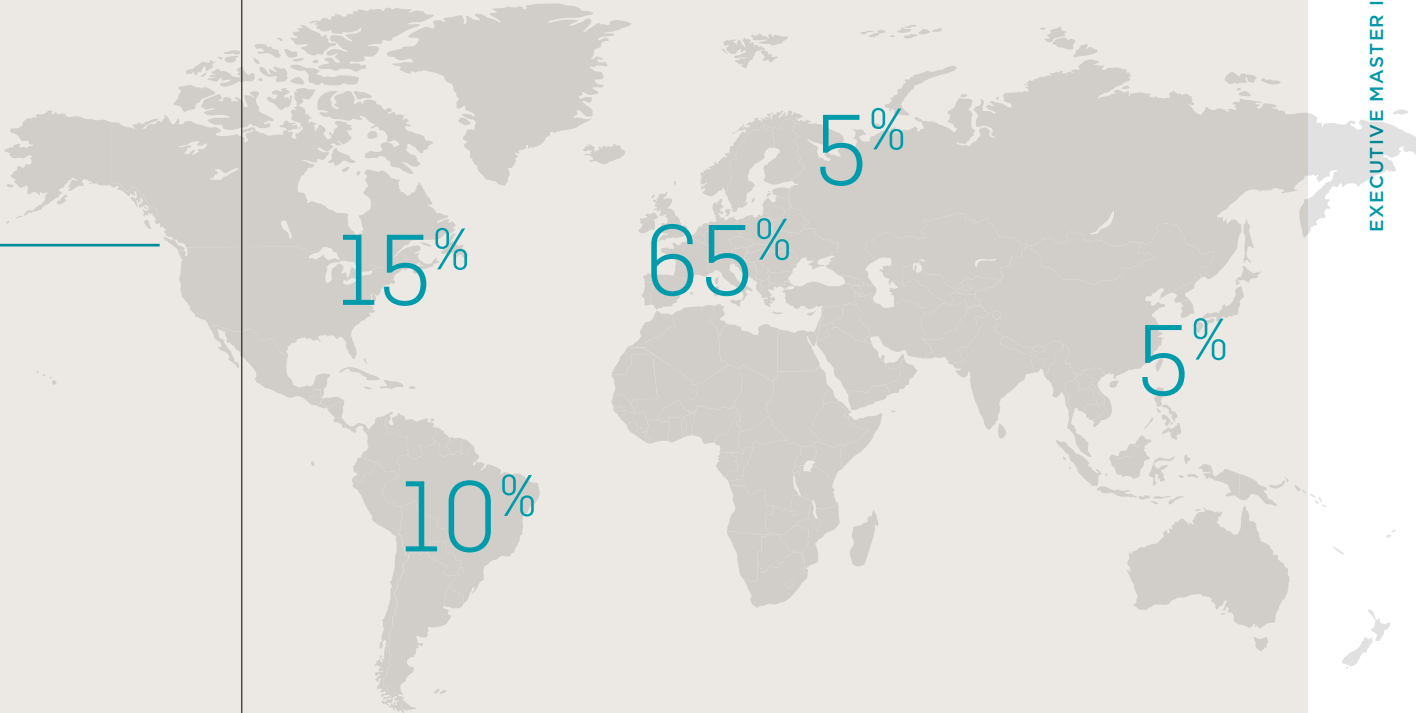
Consulting	25%
Energy	5%
Financial Services	15%
Government	5%
International Organizations	10%
Manufacturing	5%
Non-Profit	10%
Other	5%
Real Estate	5%
Technology	15%

Placement by Function

Consulting	21%
Finance/Accounting	16%
Information Technology	5%
Marketing/Sales	32%
Operations/Logistics	16%
Other	11%

Placement by Region

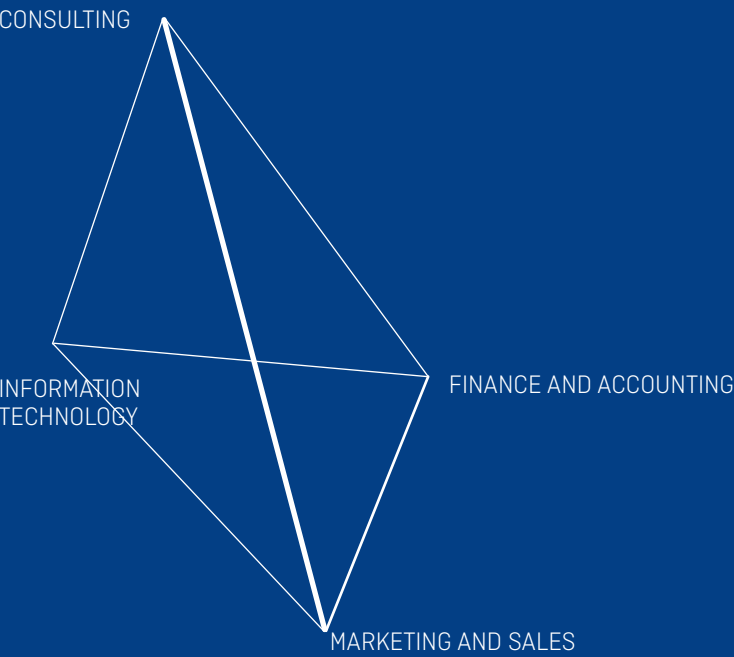
Asia Pacific	5%
Europe (EU)	65%
Europe (non-EU)	5%
Latin America/the Caribbean	10%
North America	15%



OUR ALUMNI HISTORY

Master in International Relations graduates occupy positions in a wide array of organizations around the globe. Working in high-level positions within world-leading organizations, our students have shown true determination in meeting their career goals. Whether in the field of consulting, information technology, marketing and sales, or finance and accounting, our students now work for organizations such as the UN, UNICEF, the Central European Bank, and KPMG. Below, you can find some interesting examples of where our alumni are now, and get inspired by how an IE University education can help lead you there.

WHERE OUR ALUMNI WORK:



2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

**SAUMYA
KAILA-
SAPATHY**

Australian
Class of 2012



Program Manager at
Clinton Health Access
Initiative

Uganda, January
2013-December 2014

Program Manager
at Asian
Development Bank

Philippines,
February
2015-present

**ROWAN
PALMER**

Canadian
Class of 2013



South-South
Cooperation at United
Nations Environment
Programme

Kenia, August
2013-December 2013

Programme Specialist
- Green Economy
Initiative at United
Nations Environment

Programme Switzerland,
2014-present

**HELENA
SCHWERTHEIM**

Swedish
Class of 2015



Market Research
Analyst New
Zealand Trade
and Enterprise

Spain, October
2014-July 2015

Associate Programme Officer
International IDEA

Sweden, January
2016-December 2018

Conflict Analyst
World Food
Programme

Italy, February
2019-present

**MANUEL
WEISSE-
NEGGER**

German
Class of 2017



Legal Analyst European
Central Bank

Germany, October
2017-present

**CRISTOBAL SAPENA
LAFUENTE**

Spanish
Class of 2018



Project Management
Unit United Nations

Spain, September
2018-March 2019

JACQUELINE WILLIAMS

American
Class of 2017



Emergency Watch Coordinator

UNICEF USA, August
2018-present

International Organizations 2012—2019

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

GABRIELA CABANILLASSpanish
Class of 2013**Intern at Emzingo**
South Africa,
October 2013-
December 2013**Corporate Communication intern at Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**
Italy, January 2014-July 2014**Gender Advocacy Consultant at Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**
Italy, September 2014-December 2014**Risk Consultant at KPMG**
Spain, April 2015-August 2017**Strategy & Innovation Consultant Opinno**
November 2017-June 2018**Supervising Associate EY** June 2018-present**JOHAN ROMSLO**Romanian
Class of 2014**Commercial Account Manager at Hewlett Packard**
Spain, September 2014-present**Enterprise Account Manager Qlik**
Spain, April 2017-April 2018**Enterprise Account Manager Nordics Micro Focus**
Spain, May 2018-Dec 2018**ServiceNow Special Sales Fujitsu Global**
Norway, December 2018-present**MARINE ANDRAUD**French-American
Class of 2015**Project Coordinator Assistant at Centro Internacional de Toledo para la Paz**
Spain, August 2015-December 2015**Banking Supervision Trainee at European Central Bank** (Germany, April 2016-January 2018)**Microfinance Expert/Project Manager Frankfurt School of Finance & Management** (Germany, January 2018-present)**NCUMISA QABA**South African
Class of 2016**Account Technology Strategist Microsoft**, (South Africa, October 2016-present)**SOL CAMILLERI DE CASTANEDO**Spanish
Class of 2018**Economic Development Consultant Inter-American Development Bank** Madrid, Spain (January 2018-August 2018)**Analyst Banco Santander** Madrid, Spain (September 2018-present)

Private Sector

2013—2019

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

ELISA LLEDO

Spanish
Class of 2012 -
2013



Junior
Researcher at
FRIDE (Belgium,
September
2013-December
2015)

Executive
Coordinator
and Analyst at
**Real Instituto
Elcano** (Belgium,
September
2016-present)

**SUSAN
GUARDA**
American
Class of 2016



Junior Policy
Advisor at **United
Nations** (Austria,
September
2016-March
2017)

Project Assistant
at **Unrepresented
Nations and Peoples
Organization**
(Belgium, July 2017-
Feb 2018)

Policy Advisor
at **South Asia
Democratic Forum
Organization**
(Belgium, March
2018- present)

**THEO
RICHARDSON-
GOOL**
Class of 2018



Consultant
Human Rights
Paralegal at
Bindmans, LLP
(UK Feb 2018-
Apr 2019)

Digital
Communications
and Content Editor
Humanitarian Library
(Switzerland, Nov
2018- Jun 2019)

Operations
and Project
Assistant at
Shelter Centre
(Switzerland
Nov 2018-Jan
2019)

**ASIER
MARTINEZ**
Spanish
Class of 2018



Program
Development Intern
at **World Leadership
Alliance - Club de
Madrid** (Spain, Nov
2018- Jan 2018)

Operations and
Marketing Intern
Greenco- SU
(Burundi, Feb
2019- present)

Nonprofit
Sector
2013—2019

TALENT FORUMS

IE University holds annual talent forums in which students have the opportunity to learn about possible job opportunities for after they graduate. The forum opens the doors to endless career paths and, although we also encourage our students to look for job opportunities on their own, it is a chance for them to meet with professionals from companies in the International Development & Social Impact industry. Companies that have attended in the past include:

Bridge for Billions

[Social Enterprise – Entrepreneurship](#)

Creas

[Social Enterprises – Impact Investment](#)

Gawa Capital

[Social Enterprise – Impact Investment](#)

International Committee of the Red Cross [International Organization](#)

Inter-American Development Bank
[International Organization](#)

Impact Hub

[Social Enterprises – Entrepreneurship](#)

Organization for Security and
Cooperation for Europe
[International Organization](#)

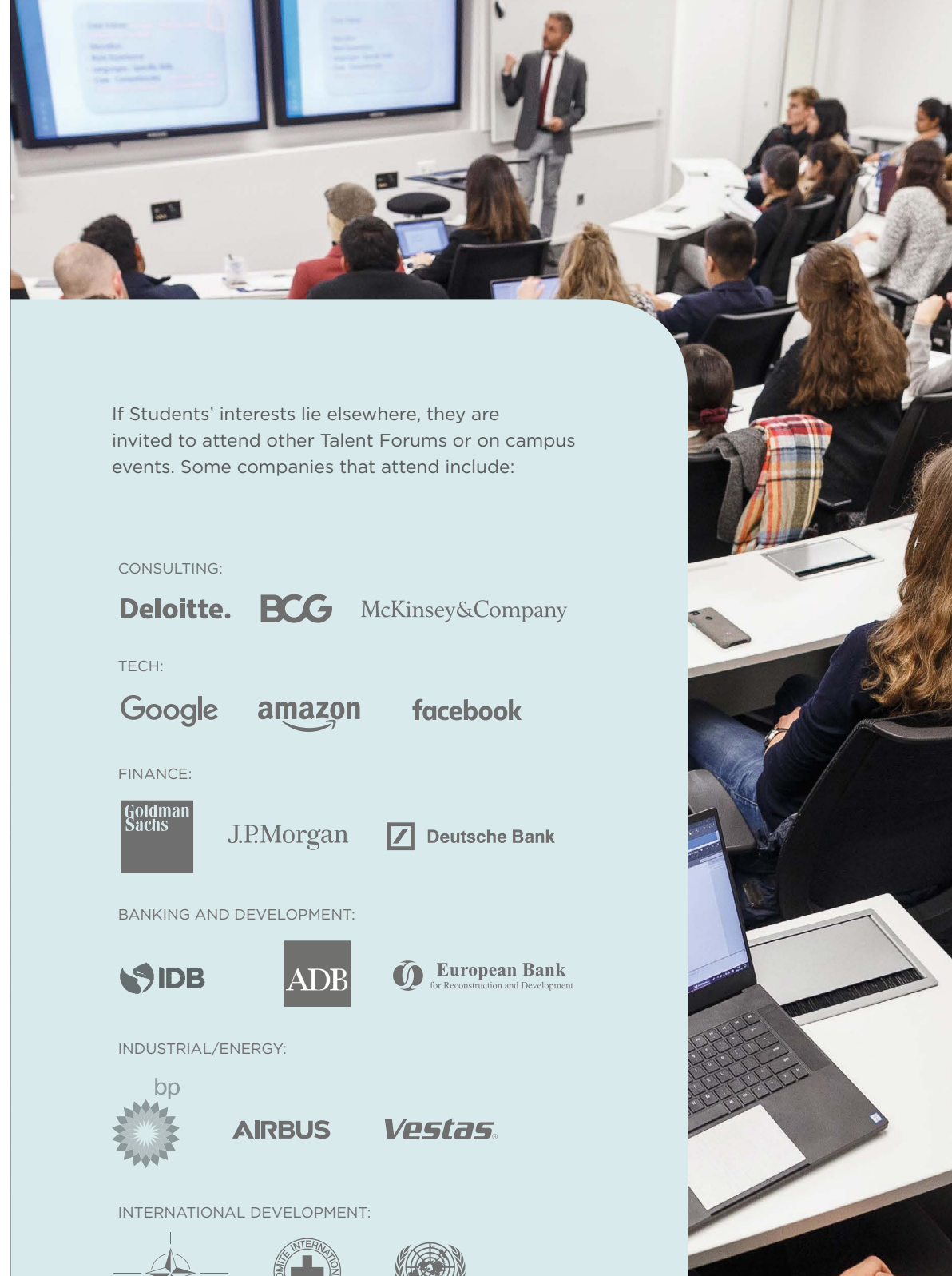
UN Secretariat
[International Organization](#)

United Nations World Tourism
Organization
[International Organization](#)

Welever
[Social Enterprises – Technology](#)

World Bank Group
[International Organization](#)

— Your future
employer is
waiting for you
on Campus



If Students' interests lie elsewhere, they are invited to attend other Talent Forums or on campus events. Some companies that attend include:

CONSULTING:

Deloitte. **BCG** McKinsey&Company

TECH:

Google **amazon** **facebook**

FINANCE:

Goldman Sachs **J.P.Morgan** **Deutsche Bank**

BANKING AND DEVELOPMENT:

IDB **ADB** **European Bank**
for Reconstruction and Development

INDUSTRIAL/ENERGY:

bp **AIRBUS** **Vestas**

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

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HEAR FROM THE EXPERTS!

To discover how these esteemed professionals got to where they are today, we sat down and asked them a few questions. This provides our students with first-hand insights into how they can follow in these experts' footsteps and pursue their career dreams.

Shweta Nawani

Associate Fellow, Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development
United Nations System Staff College



How did you get into the world of sustainable development? What is your career trajectory?

I am a lawyer by profession and I also have a Master in International Affairs, specializing in Sustainable Development and Security. I believe I was always very interested in doing something more than just working for myself. I thought that the UN would be the best place to do that. By working at the Knowledge Center for Sustainable Development, I have learned so many different ways of approaching the traditional problems that have been facing the global community and I think that the 2030 Agenda truly teaches us to engage in this kind of cross-disciplinary and innovative way of thinking, to solve problems that have not been solved yet.

What skills do you think your organization looks for in employees?

With the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, I believe it brings the need for people to have the skills to understand the interconnections and the links between the 5 P's of the 2030 Agenda to the forefront, as well as an understanding of the 17 sustainable development goals. In general, I think the organization looks for people who can think outside the box and engage in collaborative partnerships, i.e. people who can seek out innovative partnerships and collaborations in order to come up with the best solutions, all the while being mindful of the tradeoffs and the synergies of their actions that the individual agencies and organizations produce.



Mark Hugo López

Director, Global Migration and Demography Research
at the **Pew Research Center**



What is your career trajectory?

I grew up in California, and I did my undergraduate work at Berkley in Economics. While there, somebody in the Department of Economics suggested that I do a summer program for students who were interested in careers or getting a doctorate. I took their advice and later went and worked with Ben Bernanke. At the time, he was a professor at Princeton, but subsequently he became the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board of the United States.

His impact on me was very positive, and he encouraged me to keep studying. So, I got my PhD and that opened the door to becoming a professor at Maryland, and eventually coming to the Research Center, where now I am the director of a group that studies international migration, doing surveys and demographic work. All of this was something that I didn't necessarily plan, but particularly, Professor Brenacky had a big impact on influencing me to actually to say: "hey, why don't you go and study economics because there's a lot of opportunity for someone like you in economics." I love teaching, and I love being a professor, but now as somebody who does research and travels the world to talk about our work, this is exciting—also challenging and stressful—but perhaps the most exciting part of my career so far.

What skills does your organization look for in employees?

At the PEW Research Center, it depends on the position, as we have a number of different positions. However, in my research group, we look for people who have an interest in a particular topic area, perhaps international migration or international demography. But, we also look for somebody who has quantitative skills: to be able to analyze data, to look at micro data and do an analysis of that data, and also be able to write about it and talk about it in an understandable way. Those are the key skills that we look for in order to tell the stories of the data that we tell at the PEW Research Center.

That also means that at PEW Research, there are opportunities for people who like to do digital storytelling with data. If you're somebody who can really take data and create a visualization and can tell a story with that, there are opportunities at the PEW Research Center for you. Or, if you like to work with the press, we have opportunities in communications as well. So, beyond my team, there are many other opportunities. We look for people who are sharp, brilliant, able to write, tell stories, and talk really well about data, and who have a little bit of a social science bit to them as well.

Camino Mortera

Senior Research Fellow in
The Centre for European Reform



How did you get into international relations and global and public affairs?

My field of expertise is a very niche one: European justice and home affairs. So, everything that has to do with migration, counter-terrorism, extradition law, police corporations, and all of these things. When studying law, I loved criminal law, and when I was studying European law, I loved it, as well as international law. So, I thought: “why not combine the two together and try to specialize in something similar to European criminal law. Then, I ended up in Brussels (a little bit by mistake) as I was fascinated by the European Union. From there, I went on to live in the UK, Germany, France, back to Spain, and now back in Brussels.

Working for a think tank, even though I like to keep my very niche thing of working just on European justice affairs, I have to follow what’s going on nationally. So, global affairs and international relations isn’t something that lawyers like myself can escape at the moment.



What advice would you offer to our students to help guide them towards their career aspirations?

I think the best advice you can give to anybody is to read—and read a lot. People should read things from different places. Don’t just read from The Financial Times and The Economist that we love so much, but try to open your mind; travel, learn languages, and read things that comes from different sources. This will give you an original take. I think what we need when it comes to having international relations professionals is people who think a little bit outside the box. We are living in a very irrational time where lots of politicians aren’t making rational decisions, and we need professionals who move on from what we’ve studied for the past twenty years, to understand, analyze, and counter-argue these decisions. They may do so perhaps with some creative thinking and come up with rational decisions on their own.

Ruben Diaz Plaja

Senior Policy Advisor at the Policy Planning Unit in the
Office of the Secretary General at NATO



How did you start working at NATO? Please give us a quick summary of your career trajectory.

I studied International Relations and Political Science. Originally, I was focused on issues having to do with conflict management and post-conflict reconstruction and governance, but I eventually ended up working first for the OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe), doing some fieldwork in the Balkans but also for Western Europe and the Soviet Union. From there, I climbed to a position here at NATO, to work on NATO’s partnerships with non-member states. This was seven years ago, and I’ve also moved up within the organization.

You got to spend some time with our students on their trip to Brussels. After speaking to the students, how do you feel this experience enhances learning in the classroom and bringing it outside the classroom?

I think that students get to see, in-person, what it’s like to work here, what issues motivate us, and what issues preoccupy us. I think for a generation who were born after the Cold War, who have never maybe had military service, it’s important to have the conversation with them about why it’s important to have the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and what it provides. It’s also important for us to hear what concerns they may have about NATO, its role, and its future.

As you’re also working on the Capstone Project with the students, how’s the dynamic working so closely with them? Are you learning from them? Are they learning from you?

Certainly. They’re very engaged and I think they very quickly understood the significance of the project we’re working on, mapping what NATO allies are doing in the field of artificial intelligence. They see the geopolitical and security implications of the project and I think they’re quite keen to produce a quality product. I look forward to seeing what they’ll produce in a few months’ time.



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